



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

INVESTING IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

The Whitmer-Gilchrist administration has invested in every region of Michigan to deliver on the kitchen-table issues that matter most to families, communities, and small businesses.

Growing Southeast Michigan's economy

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) investments:
 - Over \$1.3 billion invested to support over 160 Business Development projects projected to create nearly 40,000 jobs and leverage over \$17 billion in private investment.
 - \$208 million to support nearly 150 Community Development projects, leveraging more than \$2 billion in private investment and reactivating more than 3.5 million square feet of public space.
- Delivered \$80 million to support over 12,000 businesses and retain more than 87,000 jobs through COVID, with 30% of relief going to geographically disadvantaged areas.

Empowering workers in Southeast Michigan

- 58,192 Michigan Reconnect applicants in Southeast Michigan are on tuition-free paths to higher education or skills training.
- 44,586 Futures for Frontliners in Southeast Michigan who served on the frontlines of the pandemic have been accepted to get on tuition-free paths to receiving a diploma or attending community college.
- Created 8,390 new registered apprenticeships with a focus on supporting opportunities for underrepresented populations: veterans, women, people of color, those with disabilities, and young Michiganders.
- Set up 90 virtual job fairs connecting 1,792 employers to over 8,783 job-seekers.
- Saved 38,782 jobs with Workshare program which allowed employees to collect unemployment benefit while working part-time.

Fixing roads, bridges, pipes, and parks in Southeast Michigan

- Fixed 2,829 lane miles of road and 370 bridges, supporting 34,340 jobs.
- Invested \$19.9 million to upgrade or repair state and local parks.
- Invested \$732 million into water infrastructure in Southeast Michigan to upgrade sewer systems, replace lead pipes, and protect safe drinking water for families.

Investing in students and schools in Southeast Michigan

- Increased per-pupil funding by 16%, or \$1,279, for every student in Southeast Michigan since taking office.
- Expanded access to free preschool through the Great Start Readiness Program to 16,732 kids in Southeast Michigan.
- Raised childcare funding per kid in Southeast Michigan by 134%.

Building housing and keeping families in their homes in Southeast Michigan

- Constructed 5,224 affordable, attainable housing units.
- Helped 8,163 families with mortgages and down payments.
- Kept 62,506 families in their homes with rental assistance.
- Delivered emergency rental assistance to 1,976 families.

Proposals to cut taxes for seniors and working families in Southeast Michigan

- Governor Whitmer's proposal to roll back the retirement tax would save 244,000 families in Southeast Michigan an average of \$1,000 a year, putting \$244 million back in people's pockets and the local economy.
- Governor Whitmer's proposal to triple Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit would deliver an average combined tax refund of \$3,000 to 378,000 working families in Southeast Michigan, putting \$1.13 billion in people's pockets and the local economy.

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